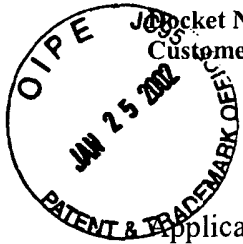


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PATENT

Application No. 87354.2900 (formerly 114292.2900)  
Customer No. 30734



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: John DiDomenico et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/934,272 ) Art Unit: 2632  
Filed: August 21, 2001 )  
For: OPTICAL PATH STRUCTURE FOR OPEN PATH EMISSIONS SENSING )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0038] as follows:

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[0038] If the concentration of a pollutant is uniformly distributed along the path length L and the atmosphere has only one absorbing species, then the equation becomes:

$$\ln(I)/I_0 = -kcL$$

where I is the source light intensity, I<sub>0</sub> is the detected light intensity, and kcL is the concentration of the component being measured. When the atmosphere has more than one absorbing species and the path length is not uniform, then the equation can be written as:

$$\ln(I)/I_0 = \sum_i -k_i(v_i) \int \sum c_i(v,y)dy$$

where i species are mixed in the plume with varying concentrations c<sub>i</sub> across the plume's width y. The instrument preferably uses a spectral library and this equation to calculate the absorbance and concentration of each species.